

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A writing instrument comprising:

an ink storing chamber formed inside a main body of the writing instrument;

a writing element provided on a front end of the main body of the writing instrument;

a reservoir chamber which is formed between the ink storing chamber and the writing element and communicates with the atmosphere;

a partition wall that divides the reservoir chamber and the ink storing chamber with a through hole formed in a central portion of the wall; and

an elongated ink supply member which has an outer circumference with a predetermined gap kept between the circumference and an inner wall of the through hole when the member is inserted into the through hole, and supplies ink inside the ink storing chamber to the writing element,

wherein the inner wall of the through hole into which the ink supply member is inserted with the predetermined gap kept has two or more contact portions which come into contact the outer circumference of the ink supply member, and

wherein the ink supply member has a circular cross section, and the through hole is a polygon or an ellipse with which the outer circumference of the ink supply member comes into contact at predetermined intervals.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) The writing instrument according to claim 2 1, wherein the through hole formed in the polygon has sides each of which is equal in size.

4. (Currently amended) ~~The writing instrument according to claim 1,~~ A writing instrument comprising:

an ink storing chamber formed inside a main body of the writing instrument;

a writing element provided on a front end of the main body of the writing instrument;

a reservoir chamber which is formed between the ink storing chamber and the writing element and communicates with the atmosphere;

a partition wall that divides the reservoir chamber and the ink storing chamber with a through hole formed in a central portion of the wall; and

an elongated ink supply member which has an outer circumference with a predetermined gap kept between the circumference and an inner wall of the through hole when the member is inserted into the through hole, and supplies ink inside the ink storing chamber to the writing element,

wherein the inner wall of the through hole into which the ink supply member is inserted with the predetermined gap kept has two or more contact portions which come into contact the outer circumference of the ink supply member, and

wherein the through hole is provided in its corner with a closing portion existing near the outer circumference of the ink supply member.

5. (Currently amended) ~~The writing instrument according to claim 1,~~ A writing instrument comprising:

an ink storing chamber formed inside a main body of the writing instrument;

a writing element provided on a front end of the main body of the writing instrument;

a reservoir chamber which is formed between the ink storing chamber and the writing element and communicates with the atmosphere;

a partition wall that divides the reservoir chamber and the ink storing chamber with a through hole formed in a central portion of the wall; and

an elongated ink supply member which has an outer circumference with a predetermined gap kept between the circumference and an inner wall of the through hole when the member is inserted into the through hole, and supplies ink inside the ink storing chamber to the writing element,

wherein the inner wall of the through hole into which the ink supply member is inserted with the predetermined gap kept has two or more contact portions which come into contact the outer circumference of the ink supply member, and

wherein the ink storing chamber is divided into a plurality of chambers in the axis direction using one or more ink storing chamber partition walls each provided with a through hole into which the ink supply member is inserted with a gap kept.

6. (Original) The writing instrument according to claim 5, wherein the gap of the through hole formed in each of the ink storing chamber partition walls is formed to be larger than the gap of the through hole formed in the partition wall that divides the reservoir chamber and the ink storing chamber.

7. (Currently amended) The writing instrument according to claim 6, wherein the plurality of ink storing chamber partition walls ~~are~~ is provided in the ink storing chamber, and the gap of the through hole formed in each of the ink storing chamber partition walls is formed to be larger as shifted to the back end side of the main body of the writing instrument.

8. (Original) The writing instrument according to claim 5, wherein the ink supply member is inserted into the through hole formed in each of the ink storing chamber partition walls, while coming into contact with an inner wall of the through hole in two or more positions.

9. (Original) The writing instrument according to claim 1, wherein the reservoir chamber is provided with an ink holding member capable of being impregnated with ink to hold the ink.

10. (Previously presented) The writing instrument according to claim 1, wherein the contact portions are formed on the inner wall of the through hole and are ribs coming into contact with the outer circumference of the ink supply member.